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(C) Acting Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche to Andris Petersons, Serbia-Bosnia Desk Officer in the MFA's EU Department, on August 4. After consulting within the MFA, Petersons reported back on August 6 that the MFA notes our concerns about the Karadzic family's possible support to networks that aid other persons indicted of war crimes, and would take that into consideration if any changes were proposed to current EU travel restrictions against family members. Petersons said that he knew of no efforts to initiate changes to the family's restrictions, and that if proposed, Latvia would look to the French Presidency to provide grounds for changing the family's status. WASER